

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
2017-2019 THIRTIETH TOWN COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
2155 MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held their Organizational and a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

- 1. Call to Order – Town Clerk (Section 302)**
(a) Pledge of Allegiance

by Joyce Mascena, Town Clerk
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- 2. Public Comment.**

Mrs. Kim McClain of 212 Sunset Drive congratulated the new Town Council Members on their election and looked forward for all to work together and broaden participation in town government.

- 3. Introduction of Town Council Members Elect**

by Joyce Mascena, Town Clerk

Jill Barry

Kurt P. Cavanaugh

Lawrence Niland

Stewart Beckett III

Thomas P. Gullotta

George P. Norman

Deborah A. Carroll

Mary LaChance

Whit Osgood

- 4. Administration of Oath of Office – Town Clerk (Section 302).**

by Joyce Mascena, Town Clerk

- 5. Official Town Council Photo.**

taken prior to the meeting

- 6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Section 302).**

Nomination By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By:

Ms. Carroll

Mr. Tom Gullotta as Chairman

Mrs. Mascena called for other nominations. Hearing none, she closed the nominations.

Result: Mr. Gullotta was elected as Chairman by a unanimous vote {9-0-0}.

Nomination By: Mr. Niland
Mrs. Jill Barry as Vice Chairman.

Seconded By: Ms. LaChance

Mrs. Mascena called for other nominations. Hearing none, she closed the nominations.

Result: Mrs. Barry was elected as Vice Chairman by a unanimous vote {9-0-0}.

(a) Appointment of Majority Leader.

Chairman Gullotta appointed Mr. Lawrence Niland as Majority Leader.

(b) Appointment of Minority Leader.

Chairman Gullotta appointed Dr. Stewart “Chip” Beckett III as Minority Leader. Chairman Gullotta said that Chairman is a ceremonial position and praised Dr. Beckett for doing a great job during his tenure. He presented him with a couple of old books on agriculture and a T-Shirt with the Glawackus in appreciation.

7. Resolution establishing the Regular Meetings of the Council (Section 304).

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Schedule of Regular Council meetings dated November 14, 2017 for calendar year 2018 and January 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

8. Resolution establishing Rules of Procedure (Section 304).

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Council Rules of Procedure dated December 1, 2015.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Chairman Gullotta appointed Mr. Niland and Ms. Carroll to a subcommittee to review the Rules of Procedure and make a recommendation of changes to be considered at the next meeting.

9. Special Reports:

(a) Report on adopted State budget.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo on the subject to the Council dated November 9, 2017, emphasizing that they are still getting clarity. He said that they will receive nothing for the MV Grant or Municipal Revenue Sharing but the Educational Cost Sharing was increased to \$6.3M

and there is a new municipal stabilization grant for over \$305K bringing the net gain over \$4.2M. He recommended the Council allow the time for him to continue gathering information and then they could take steps to make adjustments in the budget to recognize the money. He noted that there are a couple programs, rental assistance and circuit breaker that may be losing state funding and the town may be asked to supplement. He stated that there was no request for the town to pick up teacher retirements. He also said that the “ability to pay” cannot be considered by arbitrators if a fund balance is 15% or less.

Mr. Osgood asked about the elderly tax relief program and Mr. Johnson noted that the state is \$150K but the local relief is \$650K. Mr. Osgood said that there has been news that the state is already at a deficit of \$174M and questioned if there is information on a change in the final payment for educational cost sharing. Mr. Johnson said he had no official news but that they are going to seek clarity and let the dust settle before determining the next course of action. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the 15% fund balance. Mr. Johnson said that the Council established a minimum is 12% and it is important to protect. He said that the arbitrators can only consider “ability to pay” when the fund balance is over 15%.

10. Old Business

None

11. Town Manager’s Report.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his reports to the Council dated November 9, 2017, and November 14, 2017, also adding that Santa’s Run is coming up including the very difficult task of judging the costume contest. Dr. Beckett asked about the state considering the Sycamore and Douglas intersection in their project to eliminate a bridge. Mr. Johnson said that the town has had the realignment of that intersection on its long range plans and it made sense to include that in the new ramp project but he understood that the state was not planning to do so. Dr. Beckett expressed concern about it being so close and Mr. Johnson suggested it be raised at the hearing. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the Tannery’s ability to get the restaurant open before year end. Mr. Johnson said they weren’t able to do so and the plan is for after the New Year. Vice Chairman Barry acknowledged Webelos from Cub Scout Pack 158 in attendance. She said that the previous Friday, the Connecticut River Book Auction had another successful event with all profits going to charity and she was pleased to present a check of \$250 to Mr. Johnson for the Glastonbury Food Bank with the same amount also to be sent to Foodshare.

Chairman Gullotta said that Dr. Beckett has done an outstanding job representing the town at the Capital Region Council of Governments and asked him to continue. Similarly, he said that Mr. Osgood has also done an outstanding job representing the town at the Metropolitan District and he has asked him to continue in that capacity. Further, he said that there are occasions where the Town Manager makes a call or gets together with the Council Chairman and he conveyed that he asked the Town Manager to include Dr. Beckett in those occasions, to represent his party. He stated that there are nine very talented individuals that have been elected, there has been a tradition of bi-partisanship on the Council since the 1960’s and he is very hopeful to continue that tradition.

12. Communications:

- (a) Letter from Robert Stein, Chair, CT Siting Council, regarding Town's intervenor status for telecommunications facility at 63 Woodland Street.
- (b) Letter from Eversource regarding application to amend rate schedules.

13. Minutes of October 24, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes as submitted for the regular meeting held October 24, 2017.

Result: Motion carries {8-0-1} with Chairman Gullotta abstaining as he was excused.

14. Appointments and Resignations:

- (a) Appointment of Council Clerk (Section 304).

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Kimberly Meanix Miller to serve as Clerk of the Council for the 2017-2019 Town Council.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

- (b) Appointment of Alternate Council Clerk.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Yolanda O'Lenick to serve as Alternate Clerk of the Council for the 2017-2019 Town Council.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

- (c) Representative to the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Chairman Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Dr. Beckett to serve as the Town Council Representative to the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

- (d) Resignation of Jay Boothroyd from the Town Plan & Zoning Commission.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Jay Boothroyd from the Town Plan & Zoning Commission.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

(e) Appointment of Raymond Hassett to the TP&Z Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jay Boothroyd (R-2019)

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Raymond Hassett to the TP&Z Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jay Boothroyd (R-2019).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

(f) Resignation of Lawrence Niland as Alternate member of the TP&Z Commission (D-2019).

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Lawrence Niland as Alternate member of the TP&Z Commission (D-2019).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

(g) Appointment of Jacob McChesney as Alternate member of the TP&Z Commission to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence Niland (D-2019).

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Jacob McChesney as Alternate member of the TP&Z Commission to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence Niland (D-2019).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

15. Executive Session.

- **Potential land acquisition.**
- **Pending Claim – CCHRO – Shubert.**
- **Pending Litigation – Riverfront Park.**
- **Discussion of strategy and receipt of information for Pending Claims – Water Rates**

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into Executive Session for the discussion of strategy concerning pending claims or litigation, pending action to enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right pursuant to CGS 1-200(9) water rates and to receive and

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Motion By: Mr. Niland ***Seconded By:*** Dr. Beckett

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Motion By: Mr. Niland **Seconded By:** Dr. Beckett
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their organizational
and regular meeting of November 14, at 9:06 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Kimberly Meanix Miller

Thomas P. Gullotta
Chairman